



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR



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Ms. Violet Varona-Lukens
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Ms. Varona-Lukens:

**WRITE-OFF OF INACTIVE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE MONTH ENDED MARCH 31, 2003**

The attached report is filed with you in accordance with guidelines approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 1, 1977, as amended April 6, 1982, on the write-off of collection accounts referred by various County departments that have become inactive.

The report reflects those accounts written off and the reasons therefor, within the provisions of the approved guidelines. In addition, it reflects those accounts written off pursuant to the authority granted to the Treasurer and Tax Collector by the Board of Supervisors in Section 2.52.040 of the Los Angeles County Code and the authority granted to the Board of Supervisors in Section 23004.2 of the Government Code and Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code.

Very truly yours,

MARK J. SALADINO
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Write-Offs

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

**TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
REPORT OF ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF PURSUANT TO
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE SECTION 2.52.040
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2003**

REASON	SUB-SECTION	COUNT	AMOUNT
Payer deceased, no estate.	K	5	\$ 51,045.65
Compromised settlements approved by the Board.	L	0	-
Compromised settlements approved by the Treasurer and Tax Collector.	L	0	-
Compromised settlements granted under authority of another County department or agency.	L	261	2,752,520.00
Residual charges left after partial payment from indigent care program not collectible.	K	0	-
Accounts discharged by bankruptcy.	K	17	1,188,157.54
Adverse judgment--Lawsuit resulted in judgment against County.	K	0	-
Accounts where patient was eligible for third-party reimbursement, but County failed to bill for related charges within the payer's applicable time constraints.	K	312	2,069,284.00
Accounts where patient was billed, but County failed to provide scheduled service--verified by hospital.	K	0	-
Accounts referred to and returned by outside collection agency for which no collection has been made.	K	1,154	4,824,409.69
Accounts referred by another County department or agency to an outside collection agency then referred to TTC for further action.	K	68	819,327.15
Accounts where patient was eligible for third-party reimbursement but billing did not meet Medi-Cal requirements; payment was denied. Patient not responsible for charges.	K	6,234	7,920,465.00
Routine collection efforts expended. Account balance does not warrant further collection activity.	K	4,882	123,224.87
Accounts where it has been determined payer is beyond legal jurisdiction.	K	93	312,171.92
Statute of limitations expired.	K	128	804,675.43
Accounts where information provided was insufficient to identify or locate payer.	K	0	-
No ability to pay.	K	0	-
Administrative adjustment approved by referring department.	K	5,414	8,681,223.00
TOTALS		<u>18,568</u>	<u>\$ 29,546,504.25</u>